

After reviewing the record and considering the arguments of the parties, the Appeals Board finds that the preliminary hearing Order for Medical Treatment should be affirmed. Claimant testified he developed pain in his left and right wrist, as well as his right shoulder, in the course of repetitive activities in his work for respondent. He notified his employer

and obtained medical treatment through a series of physicians including Dr. Marc-Andre Bergeron. Dr. Bergeron indicated there were signs of mild impingement of the right shoulder and that he may have some scapulothoracic dysfunction, but the major problem continued to be wrist pain. He indicated the structures were quite lax, but x-rays were negative. He ultimately concluded that, as an orthopedic surgeon, there was very little he could offer the claimant. He indicated that it was unlikely that the condition would require surgery. Claimant, thereafter, worked for several employers. Claimant's testimony, as well as the medical records, indicate he suffered symptoms while working for these employers. Claimant has testified, however, that none of that employment caused any additional permanent problems. At this point, nothing in the record contradicts the testimony by the claimant. Dr. Bergeron's records reflect symptoms in other employment, but he has not stated an opinion regarding the cause of the current need for surgery.

**WHEREFORE**, it is the finding, decision, and order of the Appeals Board that the Order for Medical Treatment entered by Administrative Law Judge Jon L. Frobish dated February 16, 1996 should be, and the same is hereby, affirmed.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of April 1996.

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